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Via Email

Marlene H. Dortch
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Re: *Ex Parte* - PS Docket No.15-80; ET Docket No. 04-35; PS Docket No. 11-60

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On February 12, representatives from Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions (ATIS) Network Reliability Steering Committee (NRSC) met with officials at the Federal Communications Commission Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (PSHSB) to discuss a number of network reliability issues, including the NRSC's work to develop an Emergency Preparedness and Response Checklist and to update public safety-related Best Practices, and input on coordination with backhaul providers.

It was noted that the industry's experience responding to recent hurricanes and other events led the NRSC to update and expand its Hurricane Preparedness Checklist into a broader "all hazards" checklist. This updated checklist focuses on three types of event stages:

- Non-specific Event
- Pre-event Planning
- Restoration

In developing the new checklist, the NRSC examined existing industry Best Practices and is proposing edits to one existing Best Practice and six new Best Practices. The new *Emergency Preparedness and Response Checklist* is being finalized and will be published in the near future.

ATIS NRSC also provided input in response to some of the issues raised in the Commission's December 10, 2018, *Public Notice* on coordination with backhaul providers. The NRSC noted that backhaul providers are often rural, smaller companies and their physical connections require more planning. It was also noted that, given diversity of the backhaul provider marketplace, it may be difficult to reach agreement among all providers on a specific wireless resiliency framework. It was explained that the challenges with backhaul providers were exacerbated by the need for multiple physical restoration efforts by different providers in specific geographical locations. Finally, ATIS NRSC noted the need for additional information sharing and collaboration between backhaul providers. Such collaboration should occur through existing forums such as the National

Coordinating Center for Communications (NCC), COMM ISAC, and Emergency Operation Centers (EOCs).

In attendance representing the PSHSB were: Michael Connelly, Jeff Goldthorp, Ryan Hedgpeth, Michael Caiafa, and John Healy. The representatives from ATIS NRSC that were in attendance are included in the attachment to this notification.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas Goode".

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